

HOUSE BILL 1697
By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 2, relative to clinical pastoral counselors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-201(2), is amended by deleting the word "certified" and by substituting instead the word "licensed".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-202, is amended by deleting the first sentence of such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Except as specifically provided in § 63-22-204, beginning January 1, 2004, no person who is not licensed as a clinical pastoral therapist under this chapter shall:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-202(a), is amended in subdivisions (1) and (2) by deleting the word "certified" wherever it may be found and by substituting instead the word "licensed".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-203, is amended by deleting the first sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

An applicant for licensure as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist shall pay the board a nonrefundable fee as set by the board and shall satisfy the board that the applicant:

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-204, is amended in the second sentence of subsection (a) by deleting the word "certified" wherever it may be found and by substituting instead the word "licensed".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(a), is amended by deleting the word "certification" and the word "certify" and by substituting instead the word "licensure" and the word "license" as appropriate.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(b), is amended by deleting the word "certify" and by substituting instead the word "license".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(c), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the word "certify" and by substituting instead the word "license".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(c), is further amended in subdivision (1) by deleting the language "Certified as a member of" and by substituting instead the language "Certified as a clinical member of".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-205(c), is further amended in subdivision (2) by deleting the language "that certification" and by substituting instead the language "AAPC certification".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-206, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 63-22-206. Until January 1, 2006, applicants who:

(1) Hold a current certification as a clinical pastoral therapist, which was lawfully issued by the board and is not suspended or revoked;

(2) Can document satisfaction of the requirements of § 63-22-203(1)-(4) only;

(3) Can document current active status as a fellow of diplomate of AAPC and also can document being actively engaged in the practice of pastoral psychotherapy for at least five (5) years prior to January 1, 2003; or

(4) Can document having received a graduate theological degree from a recognized educational institution and are currently licensed in Tennessee as a psychologist designated as a mental health service provider, a marital and family therapist, a clinical social worker, or an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, and who can document being actively engaged in the practice of clinical pastoral therapy for at least five (5) years prior to January 1, 2003;

shall be entitled to receive licensure as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.